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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4

BY SENATOR RISER

CONGRESS. Memorializes Congress and urges the United States Attorney General and the Federal Bureau of Prisons to refrain from sending detainees released or transferred from the Guantanamo Bay Detention Facility (GTMO), Cuba to prisons in Louisiana.

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To memorialize the Congress of the United States and to urge and request the Attorney General of the United States and the Federal Bureau of Prisons to refrain from sending detainees released or transferred from the facilities at Guantanamo Bay Detention Facility (GTMO), Cuba to prisons in Louisiana.

WHEREAS, since the United States began its Global War on Terrorism in 2001, alleged terrorists captured by the United States and their allies have been detained in the facilities at Guantanamo Bay Detention Facility (GTMO), Cuba; and

WHEREAS, the detainee complex at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, is the only complex in the world that has been established solely to safely and humanely hold individuals that pose a high-security risk to the United States; and

WHEREAS, GTMO is a secure location, away from the United States population, in general, and population centers, most especially, which provides the maximum security required to prevent escape, provides multiple levels of confinement opportunities based upon the level of compliance of the detainee, and provides medical care not available to a majority of the population of the world; and

WHEREAS, GTMO houses two hundred forty-five detainees from over thirty countries who include terrorist trainers, terrorist financiers, bomb makers, suspected Al-

1 Qaeda recruiters and facilitators, and would-be suicide bombers; and

2 WHEREAS, in 2007, the Senate of the United States passed a resolution by a vote  
3 of 94-3, stating "detainees housed at Guantanamo should not be released into American  
4 society, nor should they be transferred stateside into facilities in American communities and  
5 neighborhoods"; and

6 WHEREAS, despite the best efforts of the federal Bureau of Prisons, these detainees,  
7 if transferred stateside to facilities in American communities and neighborhoods, would  
8 present a significant threat to the American people at large, and, most especially, to those  
9 people located near any federal detention facility; and

10 WHEREAS, several federal detention facilities are located in the state of Louisiana,  
11 any of which could potentially house detainees released from GTMO; and

12 WHEREAS, any housing of these detainees in Louisiana would present a high risk  
13 and a clear and present danger to all Louisianians.

14 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana memorializes  
15 the Congress of the United States and urges and requests the Attorney General of the United  
16 States and the Federal Bureau of Prisons to refrain from sending detainees released or  
17 transferred from the facilities at Guantanamo Bay Detention Facility (GTMO), Cuba to  
18 prisons in Louisiana.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution shall be transmitted  
20 to the secretary of the United States Senate and the clerk of the United States House of  
21 Representatives, to each member of the Louisiana delegation to the United States Congress,  
22 to the Attorney General of the United States, and to the director of the Federal Bureau of  
23 Prisons.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part  
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Mary Dozier O'Brien.

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#### DIGEST

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